

The Alaskan Way Viaduct & Seawall Replacement Project

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The Alaskan Way Tunnel: The Best Choice for Replacing the Alaskan Way Viaduct and Seawall

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- Call the hotline at 206-269-4421
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- Send a letter to:
Alaskan Way Viaduct and
Seawall Replacement Project
c/o Washington State

The tunnel is the best choice for replacing the Alaskan Way Viaduct and Seawall.

The tunnel maintains public safety.

- Replaces the old and seismically damaged viaduct with a new facility that meets the highest industry design and safety standards
- Improves driving conditions with wider lanes and shoulders
- Upgrades the Battery Street Tunnel to meet today's fire and life safety standards
- Replaces the old and rapidly deteriorating seawall with the west wall of the tunnel serving as the central portion of the seawall

The tunnel keeps Seattle and Washington State moving.

- Maintains a critical north-south transportation corridor and an important alternative to I-5
- Connects neighborhoods, and industrial and manufacturing areas to and through downtown
- Improves connections in the south end with a new interchange at Atlantic and Royal Brougham and direct connections to I-5 and I-90

- Creates a safer corridor north of the Battery Street Tunnel by replacing the sharp right-hand turns on and off the roadway with exit and entrance ramps

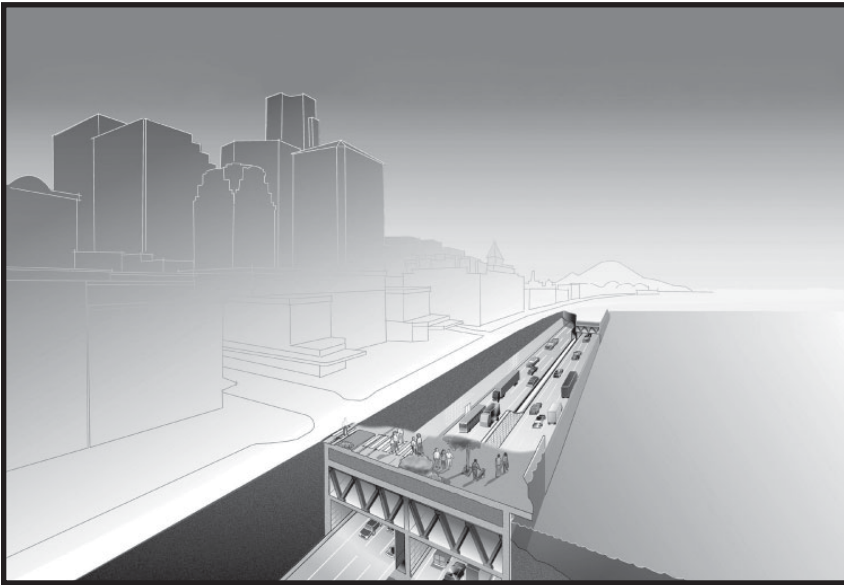
- Operates more efficiently and reliably than today for both through traffic and traffic bound for downtown or South Lake Union

The tunnel creates a waterfront for all.

- Takes advantage of a 100-year opportunity to reconnect downtown with Elliott Bay and creates a new regional civic space for generations to enjoy
- Keeps the public right of way in public use
- Provides opportunities for habitat enhancement, reduces noise pollution, and improves stormwater management

The tunnel enhances the Pacific Northwest's economy.

- Provides economic development opportunities for the community east of the viaduct that is currently obstructed by the structure
- Offers the most potential for broad financial support at the federal, state, and local levels



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